

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An assembly comprising
 - (a) a turret;
 - (b) a turret cage disposed underneath said turret; and
 - (c) a plurality of weapons supported in said turret, each having a barrel defining a barrel axis;
2. An assembly as defined in claim 1 further including
 - (d) means for rotating said turret.
3. An assembly as defined in claim 2 wherein said turret is rotatable up to 360 degrees.
4. An assembly as defined in claim 1 further including
 - (e) means for raising and lowering said turret.
5. An assembly as defined in claim 1 further including
 - (f) means for transversely moving said turret.
6. An assembly as defined in claim 1 further including
 - (g) a belt magazine received in part in said turret and in part in said turret cage; said belt magazine having a loading belt and a plurality of horizontally disposed, ammunition-accommodating container tubes attached to said loading belt.
7. An assembly as defined in claim 6 further including
 - (h) a device for loading ammunition from said belt.
8. The assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said turret is elevatable from a flush position with said turret cage to a position above said turret cage.
9. The assembly as defined in claim 1, wherein said turret is mounted on a vehicle.

10. The assembly as defined in claim 5, wherein said vehicle is armored.
11. A method of providing a multipurpose assembly comprising the steps of
- (a) providing a turret;
 - (b) disposing a turret cage underneath said turret; and
 - (c) supporting a plurality of weapons in said turret, each having a barrel defining a barrel axis.
12. The method of claim 11 further including the step of
- (d) rotating said turret beyond 80 degrees.
13. The method of claim 11 wherein said turret is rotatable up to 360 degrees.
14. The method as defined in claim 11 further including the step of
- (e) raising said turret.
15. The method of claim 11 further including the step of
- (f) lowering said turret.
16. The method of claim 11 further including the step of
- (g) receiving a belt magazine in part in said turret and in part in said turret cage; said belt magazine having a loading belt and a plurality of horizontally disposed, ammunition-accommodating container tubes attached to said loading belt.
17. The method of claim 16 further including the step of
- (h) loading ammunition from said belt.

18. A method of manufacturing a multipurpose assembly comprising the steps of
- (a) providing a turret;
 - (b) disposing a turret cage below said turret; and
 - (c) supporting a plurality of weapon in said turret, each having a barrel defining a barrel axis.
19. The method of claim 18 further including the step of
- (d) providing for the rotation of said turret beyond 90 degrees.
20. The method of claim 18 further including the step of
- (e) providing for the translation of said turret.